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Re: MEMC Patents

Dear Mr. Murray:

By letter dated November 10, 2004, you indicated that Soitec was in the process of reviewing the MEMC patents referred to in my letter to Mr. Huyghe dated October 15, 2004 and that Soitec hoped to respond to MEMC sometime before the end of 2004. To date, we have not received any further communications from Soitec.

At your earliest convenience, please provide me with the conclusions from Soitec's review of the MEMC patents.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Shaker Sadasivam.

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